

Mis Tokey Hull.

Caroline Elizabeth married the late Lanty Lockridge.

Alcinda Susan married Hugh Dever, and is now in Nebraska.

Margaret Eveline married Renick Ward, late of Randolph County, and lives in Colorado.

Shelton W. Cleek died in infancy.

William H. Cleek married Margaret Jane Fleshman. He died in 1899.

Peter L. Cleek married Effie May Amiss. The pleasant home occupied by them is near the original site, across the valley from the public road, and near the foot hills of the Alleghany. Formerly the main road passed by the old Cleek homestead, crossing and recrossing the valley for the convenience of the residents. Thus the traveler would cover a good many miles in making but little progress in direct distance, as matters were in former times.

THOMAS McNEIL,

The McNeil relationship on Swago trace their ancestry to Thomas McNeil, who came to Swago from Capon Valley, Frederick County, between 1768 and 1770. His parents, whose names can not be recalled, came from Scotland. Thomas McNeil's wife was Mary Ireson, from Franklin County, Virginia.

About 1770 Thomas McNeil entered three hundred acres of land and settled where Joseph Pennell now lives, and built the house occupied a few years since by the family of the late William McNeil, one of his

grandsons. His family of sons and daughters were widely scattered in the course of years, but wherever they went became useful citizens. His sons were Jonathan, Absolem, Enoch, and Gabriel, and the daughters were Naomi and Mary.

Naomi became Mrs Smith and Mary was married to William Ewing, and both went to Ohio,

Gabriel married Rebecca Stephenson and settled where Jonathan McNeil now lives, then moved to Jackson County, Ohio, where he became a well known citizen. From information furnished by one of his grand-daughters we learn that he was the first surveyor of his adopted county, and one of the most prominent of the pioneers. Gabriel McNeil was a civil engineer, machinist, chemist, botanist, farmer, physician, and preacher, and not a quack in any one, says a writer in the Jackson County paper, who had been on a visit to the neighborhood where Dr McNeil had lived.

Enoch McNeil married Jane Moore, and settled on what is now known as the "Enoch Place," a section of the original homestead, but finally moved to Jackson County, Ohio.

Absolem married Comfort Smith, and went West.

Jonathan, senior son of the pioneer Thomas McNeil, married Phoebe Moore, a daughter of Moses Moore, and settled at the Swago Mill, now held by Withrow McClintic. He appears to have been an enterprising person. Milling, weaving, fulling cloth and powder making were carried on under his supervision. Coverlets woven by one Jones are still to be found.—Mrs Phoebe McNeil survived her husband many years.

She was born February 13, 1774, and claims to have been 13 years of age at the time of the Drinnan raid. when James Baker and the Bridger boys were killed. The sons of Jonathan and Phoebe McNeil were John, William, Moore, and Preston. Preston, while a little boy three or four years of age, was drowned near the mouth of Dry Creek and his body was found some distance below, near the fording.

John McNeil married Rebecca McNeil, from Franklin Co., Va., and settled on Dry Creek at the place now occupied by his grandson, Charles McNeil. He was prominent in his church, the Methodist Episcopal; a member of the court, a faithful and competent school teacher, and possessed knowledge of medical remedies and at a time when physicians were no nearer than Frankford or the Warm Springs. His services freely given were of great comfort and relief to the suffering before regular attention could be had. Mrs Anna Moore, near Marlinton; the late Mrs Jane Kennison on Dry Creek; Mrs Naomi Dilley, near Dilleys Mill; the late Washington McNeil, on Buck's Run, where Joseph B. McNeil now lives; the late John McNeil, Jr., merchant at Hillsboro, were his children. There were other sons and daughters whose names are not in the writer's possession.

Moore McNeil first married Martha McNair, of Augusta county, and settled on Dry Creek, near the mouth. His second marriage was with Nancy Auldridge, daughter of William Auldridge, ancestor of the Auldridge connexion in our county. By this marriage there were two daughters and one son. Clark

died in early manhood. Phoebe Ann was married to Reuben E. Overholt; Nancy Jane became Mrs W. H. Overholt.

William McNeil married Nancy Griffey, from Franklin county, Virginia, a daughter of a Swiss soldier who came over with the Marquis Lafayette, and remained to become a citizen of the United States. They settled on the Thomas McNeil homestead. He was a popular school teacher, and among the earliest of his profession in the present limits of our county. He taught a 12-months school at the Marony Place, and had among his scholars the late Martha Adkisson, Agnes Gay and Andrew Gay, brother and sister of the late John Gay. Martha Young boarded with her sister Mrs Elizabeth Cochran. The Gays boarded with Jonathan McNeil, at the Mill. The Buckleys went to this school also.— William McNeil died a lingering and painful death of cancer. The sons of William and Nancy McNeil were Jonathan, James, Claiborne, and Moore. The daughters were Jane, Elizabeth and Agnes.

Jane McNeil was married to John E. Adkisson, and settled on the head of Swago. She became the mother of a worthy family of sons and daughters, was much esteemed for her amiable character, and died a few years since greatly lamented.

Elizabeth was married to Solomon Cochran, son of Isaac Cochran on Droop Mountain, and settled in Harrison county, where she died but recently, after several years of widowhood, greatly missed by attached friends and children.

Jonathan McNeil married Angelina Adkisson,

daughter of the late Daniel Adkisson, at the head of Swago, and they settled on the old homestead near Buckeye, where he now resides. Mrs Aaron Kee and Mrs John Buckley are their daughters. Rev Asa McNeil, William, Daniel, Doc, Ulysses, Enoch, and the late McNeil were their sons.

Captain James McNeil, second son of William McNeil, the teacher, married Sarah Young, and settled on a section of the homestead, where he now lives. After her lamented decease, he lived in Nicholas County a number of years, employed in house joining. At the opening of the war between the States he enlisted in the Confederate service in a volunteer company at Summersville as a lieutenant. Upon the reorganization he was elected captain. He became a prisoner of war at the battle of Droop Mountain, and was kept at Fort Delaware a long and tedious time. His second marriage was with Mrs Fannie Perkins, and he came back to the old home near Buckeye. His son Douglas is employed as clerk in a government department at Washington. For years Captain McNeil has been disabled by rheumatic affection, but the worthy old veteran's heart is still warm with sympathy for the "lost cause."

Claiborne McNeil married Elizabeth Adkisson, and lives near Buckeye, on the place bequeathed him by his relative, "Little John" McNeil. Their daughter Charlotte is the wife of Joseph Pennell, who lives on Dry Creek. Their sons were the late Joshua B. and D. T. McNeil, and Senator N. C. McNeil, of Marlinton. His second marriage was with Margaret Griffin.

Moore McNeil, the youngest son of William the teacher, became a preacher, and entered the itineracy under the auspices of the Methodist Protestant church, and traveled many years with marked success and acceptance in the counties of West Virginia bordering the Ohio River. His wife was Miss Eliza Jane Donaldson. At the present time he resides at Smithville, in Ritchie County. He is however still vigorous, and performs much ministerial service, in connexion with the duties laid upon him by the care of a large family and the management of extensive farming operations.

Thus we have traced the history of Thomas McNeil, the pioneer of Swago, as exemplified by brief allusions to those of his descendants whose names have been communicated to us. His name deserves honorable recognition for his courage in penetrating the danger-recesses of these forest wilds, at the time among the most exposed and dangerous points of the Indian frontier. He overcame difficulties and encouraged others to do the same, and showed how it was done. Then when this place came to be too narrow, his sons and daughters trained by him were fitted to make the best of the opportunities opened up on the Ohio frontier and were ready for them.

WILLIAM A. GUM.

The Gum relationship in Pocahontas consists of two groups, descendants of Jacob Gum and William A. Gum respectively. The group considered in this paper trace their ancestry to William A. Gum, who left